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LETTER DATED 12 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit to you the attached letter, dated 12 August 1993, by the Vice President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Ejup Ganic, addressed to Your Excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 12 August 1993 from the Vice President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

I must inform the Security Council that during the night of Wednesday, 11 August, and early morning of Thursday, 12 August, Serbian aggressor forces led by Mr. Karadzic and Mr. Mladic stationed rockets on Mount Igman. It appears that the Serbian aggressors are positioning themselves to use UNPROFOR forces as a shield after recent commitments made by NATO and United Nations Member States to end the strangulation of Sarajevo. At the same time, the aggressor's goal is to avoid the intended effect of the NATO and United Nations commitments and enable their forces to maintain an offensive capacity by keeping heavy artillery rockets aimed at Sarajevo. I believe that UNPROFOR knows of this positioning of heavy artillery rockets but is not making the information public. UNPROFOR is also aware of our inability to communicate easily with the outside world and the disadvantageous position this puts us in.

I must also point out that even without the constant shelling of Sarajevo, 20 to 30 children and elderly will die due to infection and exhaustion daily. While UNPROFOR celebrates the short-term decrease of bombardment as a victory, we in Sarajevo, as well as throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be killed directly and indirectly by the continued aggression and its effects. UNPROFOR should not report recent events so optimistically when people continue to be murdered, Sarajevo continues to be strangled and the capacity to unleash an even deadlier onslaught is being put into place.

(Signed) Ejup GANIC
Vice President
The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina